

NOTE II.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF THE LONGI-CORN GENUS CEREOPSISUS, THOMS.

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Cereopsius apicalis, sp. n.

Length 21 mm., breadth at the shoulders 8 mm.; length of the antennae 27 mm.

Glabrous; brick red, with the labrum, apical joint of the palpi, apex of the mandibles, eyes, antennae, apex of the thoracical spines, legs (except the coxae and the intermediate and posterior trochanters), scutellum and extreme apical margin of the ventral segments, black, and the apical fourth of the elytra dark steel blue with a faint violet hue; the under surface of the base of the third and following joints of the antennae with a spot of whitish pubescence.

The head with a few scattered punctures and a raised narrow line, which extends from the middle of the anterior margin of the clypeus up to the prothorax, taking its course through a longitudinal impression on the clypeus and through a similar one on the vertex; another impression is present between the base of the eyes and the mandibles. The apical joint of the antennae extremely acute at the top.

The pronotum a little more short than broad at the base,

with a transverse groove near the front- and hind margin, the posterior groove shorter and less distinct than the anterior one; the lateral spines placed on the middle of the sides, very acute and slightly bent backward at the top. The disk strongly punctured (the punctures partially confluent) and provided with five very indistinct gibbosities. The mesosternum not perpendicular anteriorly but distinctly protruding. The scutellum broadly rounded at the top and covered with a black velvety pubescence.

The elytra strongly punctured, the punctures smaller and more widely spread towards the suture and the apex; the base between the shoulders and the scutellum very prominent; the apex rounded; moreover each elytron shows two slightly elevated longitudinal costae, one from the middle of the basal prominence and joining the suture at about the middle of the steelblue coloured portion, the other from between the shoulder and the basal prominence and disappearing in the steelblue region.

Under surface and legs glossy and impunctate.

A single specimen of this somewhat aberrant species from East Java (Scheepmaker).

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